Railway hospital at Buxar station

906. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that railway hospital at Buxar railway station is in a very poor condition;

(b) whether it is also a fact that though it is only an important railway hospital between Mughal Sarai and Danapur, basic facilities like staff, equipments, buildings etc. are insufficient there;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is an open filthy water drainage outside the hospital and there is fear of spreading diseases due to it; and

(d) if so, the details of plan for revival of Buxar hospital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. There is a Railway health unit (dispensary) at Buxar railway station. The health unit building is old and requires routine maintenance/repair work. Roof repair and painting work of the health unit are to be undertaken shortly.

(b) Health unit at Buxar is properly equipped as per scale for the health unit and has also been staffed adequately. The divisional hospitals at Mughal Sarai and Danapur are conveniently located on either side at travel distance of only one and half hour. There is a civil hospital within a distance of three kms. from the Health Unit to which patients can be referred in emergency. The medical officer posted at Buxar is empowered to refer the cases for investigation to the private centers.

(c) The open drain is located at a distance of 100 meters from the health unit. The drain is regularly cleaned and maintained hence there is no fear of spread of diseases.

(d) Since, Health Unit at Buxar station is adequately equipped and staffed, there are no plans for its further upgradation into hospital.

Nilamboor-Nanjangode rail line

907. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
SHRI P.R. RAJAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the details of the progress has been made in constructing the proposed Nilamboor-Nanjangode railway line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): An updating survey for construction of Nilamboor Road-Nanjangude new line has been completed recently. As per the survey report, cost of construction of 238.40 kms long new line has been assessed as Rs. 1742.109 crore with an RoR (Rate of Return) of (-) 5.907%.

Railway Network in Sikkim

908. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway projects formulated by Government during the year 2008-09, State-wise;

(b) the action taken by Government thereon;